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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GARBA CALL ON AMBASSADOR PORTER

1. AMBASSADOR GARBA PAID COURTESY CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY PORTER APRIL 6. AT OUTSET OF LENGTHY AND AMICABLE SESSION, AMBASSADOR PORTER OBSERVED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND NIGERIA WERE VERY GOOD AND NOTED WIDE RESPECT GENERAL GOWON COMMANDS IN WASHINGTON FOR HIS STATESMANLIKE CONDUCT AT HOME AND IN AFRICA AT LARGE. GARBA AGREED THAT RELATIONS GOOD AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS ON GOWON. DIMENSIONS OF FMS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NIGERIAN OFFICERS IN US WERE ALSO DISCUSSED, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT PROGRAM CONSTITUTED BENEFICIAL FORM OF BILATERAL COOPERATION.

2. AMBASSADOR GARBA DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CALL TO RAISE OUTSTANDING BILATERAL MATTERS OR CITE ANY AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT. AT ONE POINT HE COMMENTED THAT, AS AFRICAN

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OBSERVER, ONLY TWO THINGS HAD RAISED DOUBT IN HIS MIND ABOUT US CAPACITY FOR WORLD LEADERSHIP: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND VIET- NAM INVOLVEMENT. GARBA EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIEU VISIT AND OTHER ASPECTS OF INDO- CHINA SITUATION, AND AMBASSADOR PORTER BRIEFED HIM ON BACKGROUND OF VISIT AND REVIEWED OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN VIET- NAM AND CAMBODIA.

3. UNDER SECRETARY PORTER LOOKED FORWARD TO PAYING VISIT TO NIGERIA AT SOME FUTURE DATE AND AMBASSADOR GARBA ASSURED HIM HE WOULD BE WELCOME.

4. GARBA DEPARTED EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR OPPORTUNITY FOR EXTENDED CONVERSATION. HE LATER EVINced SURPRISE THAT HE HAD BEEN ALLOTTED SO MUCH OF AMBASSADOR PORTER' S TIME, AND APPEARED PLEASED AT INTEREST SHOWN BY HIGH- LEVEL US OFFICIAL IN NIGERIAN POPULATION MATTERS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS. ROGERS

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